

AGENDA ITEM VIII A

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

**LOUISIANA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE
AMERICAN DIPLOMA PROJECT**

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STAFF UPDATE

In August 2006, the Statewide Alignment Teams completed Phase II of proposed draft Mathematics and English Standards, addressing issues previously raised by ACHIEVE consultants. These revised standards will be presented to the High School Redesign Committee at its meeting of September 5, 2006. A highlight of this Commission meeting will be a presentation by Dr. Michael Cohen, President of ACHIEVE Inc., including an overview of ACHIEVE goals, its extensive and supportive research, and suggested steps needed to better prepare Louisiana high school graduates for further post-secondary school or immediate work. Dr. Cohen's presentation will be geared toward addressing specific Louisiana learning issues. Select Regents staff and Alignment Team members will be present at this meeting to support and assist Dr. Cohen as needed.

It is hoped that the Commission will utilize its business contacts to solicit further input from that community to the proposed Standards. Plans are then to incorporate any relevant suggestions and then send the completed Phase II document for final ACHIEVE review. Once ACHIEVE has completed its last assessment, the State Alignment Teams will meet once more to finalize its proposed Standards (Phase III). It will be this final document which is to be presented to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Board of Regents at their joint December 2006 meeting for approval.

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STATUS OF STATEWIDE REVIEW OF LPN PROGRAMS

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STAFF UPDATE

In May 2006, the LCTCS submitted a unified response for the system and its member campuses to the *Report of the Statewide Review Committee for LPN Programs*. The LCTCS response addressed each recommendation and suggestion made by the external consultants, but without the degree of specificity needed concerning what, how, and when corrective measures would be taken. Accordingly, Regents staff met with LCTCS staff twice in June and July, 2006, to formulate a plan for a more in-depth response.

It was determined during these meetings that necessary accomplishments would require significant reorganization and restructuring of current LPN programs. As the LCTCS is still in the process of developing a full response to mandates of Acts 505 and 506 of the 2005 Legislature, which require a more regional administrative approach for all system/campus operations, it was agreed that the LCTCS would elaborate on its previous LPN response within the context of its final decisions regarding Act 505 and 506 reforms.

Accordingly, the LCTCS requested, and Regents staff agreed, to an extension for the final LPN response until October 2006. It is expected that this final document will be more in-depth, comprehensive, and substantive and will appropriately guide the Regents in its deliberations and actions.

AGENDA ITEM VIII C

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**STATUS OF REVIEWS OF INSTITUTIONAL PROGRESS REPORTS
FOR CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS**

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ACADEMIC PROGRESS REPORTS PAST DUE OR SOON DUE TO BOARD OF REGENTS

1. 2005.09.01: Report from Louisiana State University and A&M College regarding the Life Course and Aging Center
2. 2006.01.01: Request for Add'l Authorization from LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans Regarding the Doctor of Audiology
3. 2006.03.01: Proposal for Full Approval from LSU Agricultural Center Louisiana Center for Rural Initiatives
4. 2006.03.01: Report from Louisiana State University and A&M College Regarding Center for Biomolecular Microsystems
5. 2006.06.01: Annual Report from the University of New Orleans Regarding the B.S. in Entrepreneurship
6. 2006.06.15: Report from Southern University-Shreveport Regarding the A.S. in Human Services
7. 2006.07.01: Request for Additional Authorization from Louisiana State University and A&M College Regarding the Center for GeoInformatics
8. 2006.07.01: Request for Additional Authorization from the University of New Orleans Regarding the Pontchartrain Institute for Environmental Sciences
9. 2006.08.01: Report from LSU-Shreveport Regarding the M.S. in Health Care Administration
10. 2006.08.01: Report from Louisiana State University and A&M College Regarding the Hearne Institute for Theoretical Physics
11. 2006.08.01: Report from Southern University-Baton Rouge Regarding the Master in Engineering
12. 2006.08.28: Request for Additional Authorization from LSU- Shreveport Regarding the Red River Watershed Management Institute

13. 2006.08.28: Request for Additional Authorization from Louisiana State University and A&M College Regarding the Hurricane Center
14. 2006.08.28: Request for Additional Authorization from Louisiana State University and A&M College Regarding the Center for Rotating Machinery
15. 2006.08.31: Review of Program Budgets from Southern University-New Orleans Regarding the B.S. in Business Entrepreneurship, B.S. and M.S. in Management Inf. Systems

AGENDA ITEM VIII D
REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER
STATUS OF REVIEWS OF PROPOSED PROGRAMS/UNITS

AGENDA ITEM IX D

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STATUS OF THE REVIEWS OF PROPOSED PROGRAMS/UNITS

Submitted Letters of Intent:

1. BS Criminal Justice - LSUA; SUBR and Grambling have indicated no objections to this LoI, hence it will be scheduled for consideration at the September, 2006 AA meeting.

Approved Letters of Intent:

1. BA Disaster Science Management-LSUBR; LoI approved---awaiting proposal.
2. BS Coastal Environmental Sciences-LSUBR; LoI approved---awaiting proposal.
3. PhD Biostatistics-LSUHSC-NO; LoI approved---proposal delayed due to Moratorium.
4. BS Business Administration-LSUA; LoI; approved---awaiting proposal.
5. BS Psychology-LSUA; LoI approved---awaiting proposal.
6. B.S. in Nursing; LoI approved---awaiting proposal.
7. PhD Environmental Science- LSUBR; LoI approved---proposal delayed due to Moratorium.
8. PhD Industrial Organizational Psychology-LA Tech; LoI approved—proposal delayed due to Moratorium.
9. PhD Material Science and Engineering-SUBR/LSUBR/UNO; LoI approved---proposal still pending.
10. Master of Public Health-LSUS; LoI approved—proposal delayed due to Moratorium.
11. B.A. in Religious Studies-LSUA&M; LoI approved—proposal delayed due to the Moratorium.

Submitted Programs Proposals/Other Existing Program Reviews:

1. BS Transportation Studies-UNO LoI approved; site visit by consultants indefinitely delayed.
2. BA Art History-LSUBR; pending assessment of MFA low-completer program; review delayed due to Moratorium.

Requests for Continued Approval of Research Center:

1. Epilepsy Center-LSUHSC NO; awaiting additional information from institution.

AGENDA ITEM VIII E
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STAFF APPROVAL OF ROUTINE ACADEMIC REQUESTS

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Since June 22, 2006, the staff has approved the following routine academic requests:

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Nature of Request</u>	<u>Date Granted</u>
1. LSU-S	Elevate Program to Department Status	6/22/06
2. ULM	Eliminate 2 Non-Reform Teacher Education Programs	6/22/06
3. Northwestern	Divide 1 Teacher Education Program Into 2; Change 1 Program CIP Code	6/29/06
4. Delgado	Divide 1 Program into Two Options	7/11/06
5. SLU	Change 1 Program Name	8/09/06
6. SUBR	Extension for Report on PhD in Urban Forestry	8/11/06
7. ULL	1 Degree Name Change	8/11/06